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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A mineral composition for use in hair care products
5 comprising at least one poly-element mineral selected from the
group consisting of perlite, pitchstone and tourmaline, ground
into a powder having a particle size ranging from about 0.5 μm
to about 10 μm .

2. A mineral composition according to claim 1, wherein
10 the powder has a particle size ranging from about 0.5 μm to
about 5.0 μm .

3. A mineral composition according to claim 1, wherein
the powder has a particle size ranging from about 0.5 μm to
15 about 2.5 μm .

4. A mineral composition according to claim 1, wherein
the powder has a particle size ranging from about 0.5 μm to
about 1.0 μm .

5. A mineral composition according to claim 1, wherein
20 the at least one poly-element mineral comprises at least two
poly-element minerals.

6. A mineral composition according to claim 5, wherein
the at least two poly-element minerals are tourmaline and
25 perlite, wherein tourmaline is present in an amount ranging
from about 0.50% to about 99.5% by weight, with perlite making
up the remaining wt%.

7. A mineral composition according to claim 6, wherein
30 tourmaline is present in an amount ranging from 0.50% to about
50% by weight, with perlite making up the remaining wt%.

8. A mineral composition according to claim 6, wherein
tourmaline is present in an amount of about 0.50% by weight,
and perlite is present in an amount of about 99.5% by weight.
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9. A mineral composition according to claim 5, wherein

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the at least two poly-element minerals are tourmaline and pitchstone, wherein tourmaline is present in amount ranging from about 0.50% to about 99.5% by weight, with pitchstone making up the remaining wt%.

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10. A mineral composition according to claim 9, wherein tourmaline is present in an amount ranging from about 0.50% to about 50% by weight, with pitchstone making up the remaining wt%.

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11. A mineral composition according to claim 9, wherein tourmaline is present in an amount of about 0.50% by weight, and pitchstone is present in an amount of about 99.5% by weight.

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12. A mineral composition according to claim 5, wherein the at least two poly-element minerals are perlite and pitchstone, wherein perlite is present in an amount ranging from about 0.50% to about 99.5% by weight, with pitchstone making up the remaining wt%.

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13. A mineral composition according to claim 12, wherein perlite is present in an amount ranging from about 0.50% to about 50%, with pitchstone making up the remaining wt%.

14. A mineral composition according to claim 12, wherein perlite is present in an amount of about 0.50% by weight, and pitchstone is present in an amount of about 99.5% by weight.

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15. A mineral composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one poly-element mineral comprises all three poly-element minerals, wherein tourmaline is present in an amount ranging from about 0.10% to about 99.8% by weight, and perlite is present in an amount ranging from about 0.10% to about 99.8% by weight, with pitchstone making up the remaining wt%.

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16. A mineral composition according to claim 15, wherein
tourmaline is present in an amount of about 0.10% by weight,
5 perlite is present in an amount of about 0.10% by weight, and
pitchstone is present in an amount of about 99.8% by weight.

17. A mineral composition according to claim 15, wherein
tourmaline is present in an amount of about 0.10% by weight,
10 perlite is present in an amount of about 99.8% by weight, and
pitchstone is present in an amount of about 0.10% by weight.

18. A mineral composition according to claim 15, wherein
tourmaline is present in an amount of about 99.8%, perlite is
present in an amount of about 0.10%, and pitchstone is present
15 in an amount of about 0.10%.

19. A mineral composition for use in hair care products
comprising at least one poly-element mineral ground to a
powder having a particle size ranging from about 0.05 mm to
20 about 25 mm and suspended in a solution with a compatible
solvent.

20. A mineral composition according to claim 19, wherein
the solvent is selected from the group consisting of deionized
water and glycol or its derivatives.
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21. A mineral composition according to claim 19, wherein
the at least one poly-element mineral is ground to a powder
having a particle size ranging from about 0.05 mm to about 10
mm.

22. A mineral composition according to claim 19, wherein
the at least one poly-element mineral is ground to a powder
having a particle size ranging from about 0.05 mm to about 5
mm.
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23. A mineral composition according to claim 19, wherein
the at least one poly-element mineral is ground to a powder
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having a particle size ranging from about 0.05 mm to about 0.1 mm.

5 24. A method of preparing an ionic mineral composition for use in hair care products comprising:

 preparing the mineral composition of claim 19; and

 heating the suspended solution under pressure for a
10 suitable length of time.

 25. A method according to claim 24, wherein the compatible solvent is selected from the group consisting of deionized water and glycol or its derivatives.

 26. A method according to claim 24, wherein the
15 suspended solution is heated for a period of time ranging from about 12 to about 120 hours.

 27. A method according to claim 24, wherein the
20 suspended solution is heated for a period of time ranging from about 24 to about 48 hours.

 28. A method according to claim 24, wherein the compatible solvent is deionized water.

 29. A method according to claim 28, wherein the
25 suspended solution is heated at a temperature ranging from about 5°C to about 100°C.

 30. A method according to claim 28, wherein the suspended solution is heated at a temperature ranging from about 30°C to about 80°C.

30 31. A method according to claim 28, wherein the suspended solution is heated at a temperature ranging from about 50°C to about 60°C.

 32. A method according to claim 24, wherein the
35 suspended solution is heated under a pressure ranging from about 1 atm to about 5 atm.

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33. A method according to claim 24, wherein the
suspended solution is heated under a pressure ranging from
about 1 atm to about 2 atm.

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34. A method according to claim 24, wherein the
suspended solution is heated under a pressure ranging from
about 1 atm to about 1.25 atm.

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35. A method according to claim 24, wherein the weight
ratio of the powder of the at least one poly-element mineral
to the compatible solvent ranges from about 0.05:1 to about
2.5:1.

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36. A method according to claim 24, wherein the weight
ratio of the powder of the at least one poly-element mineral
to the solvent ranges from about 0.5:1 to about 1:1.

37. A method according to claim 24, wherein the
compatible solvent is glycol or one of its derivatives.

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38. A method according to claim 37, wherein the
suspended solution is heated at a temperature ranging from
about 75°C to about 200°C.

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39. A method according to claim 37, wherein the
suspended solution is heated at a temperature ranging from
about 150°C to about 200°C.

40. A method according to claim 37, wherein the
suspended solution is heated at a temperature ranging from
about 100°C to about 150°C.

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41. A method according to claim 37, wherein the
suspended solution is heated at a temperature ranging from
about 75°C to about 100°C.

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42. A method of preparing an ionic mineral composition
for use in hair care products comprising:

preparing the mineral composition of claim 20, wherein

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the compatible solvent is glycol or one of its derivatives;
and

5 heating the suspended solution at a temperature ranging
from about 75°C to about 100°C under pressure ranging from
about 1 atm to about 1.25 atm for a period of time ranging
from about 24 to about 48 hours.

10 43. A method of preparing an ionic mineral composition
for use in hair care products comprising:

preparing the mineral composition of claim 20, wherein
the compatible solvent is deionized water; and

15 heating the suspended solution at a temperature ranging
from 50°C to 60°C under a pressure ranging from 1 atm to 1.25
atm for a period of time ranging from 24 to 48 hours.

44. A method of applying a mineral composition for use
in hair care products to the hair comprising:

20 preparing the mineral composition of claim 19;
adding the mineral composition to a hair care product;
thoroughly mixing the mineral composition into the hair
care product; and

25 applying the hair care product to the hair.

45. A method of applying a mineral composition for use
in hair care products to the hair comprising:

30 preparing the mineral composition of claim 1;
adding the mineral composition to a hair care product;
thoroughly mixing the mineral composition into the hair
care product; and

applying the hair care product to the hair.

35 46. A method according to claim 45, wherein the mineral
composition is present in the hair care product in an amount
ranging from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight, based on the

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total weight of the product.

47. A method according to claim 45, wherein the mineral
composition is present in the hair care product in an amount
ranging from about 0.01% to about 5% by weight, based on the
total weight of the product.

48. A method according to claim 45, wherein the mineral
composition is present in the hair care product in an amount
ranging from about 0.01% to about 0.5% by weight, based on the
total weight of the product.

49. A method according to claim 45, wherein the mineral
composition is present in the hair care product in an amount
ranging from 0.01% to about 0.1% by weight, based on the total
weight of the product.

50. A method according to claim 44, wherein the mineral
composition is present in the hair care product in an amount
ranging from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight, based on the
total weight of the product.

51. A method according to claim 44, wherein the mineral
composition is present in the hair care product in an amount
ranging from about 0.01% to about 5% by weight, based on the
total weight of the product.

52. A method according to claim 44, wherein the mineral
composition is present in the hair care product in an amount
ranging from about 0.01% to about 0.5% by weight , based on
the total weight of the product.

53. A method according to claim 44, wherein the mineral
composition is present in the hair care product in an amount
ranging from about 0.01% to about 0.1% by weight, based on the
total weight of the product.

54. A mineral composition for use in hair care products

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comprising tourmaline and perlite, wherein tourmaline is
present in an amount of about 0.5% by weight, and perlite is
5 present in an amount of about 99.5% by weight.

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